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**Summary.** This regulation prescribes the principles and procedures associated with the assumption of command within the Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC).

**Applicability.** This regulation applies to all TRADOC installations and activities.

**Supplementation.** Supplementation is not authorized.

**Suggested improvements.** The proponent of this regulation is the TRADOC Adjutant General. Send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) through channels to Commander, TRADOC, ATTN: ATBO-B, 5 North Gate Road, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1048. Suggested improvements may also be submitted using DA Form 1045 (Army Ideas for Excellence Program (AIEP) Proposal).

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**\*This regulation supersedes TRADOC Reg 600-15, 1 May 1999.**

## **TRADOC Reg 600-15**

### **Chapter 1**

#### **Introduction**

**1-1. Purpose.** This regulation prescribes the principles, circumstances, and procedures associated with the devolvment of command within TRADOC.

**1-2. Reference.** AR 600-20, Army Command Policy.

**1-3. Explanation of abbreviations.** The glossary contains abbreviations used in this regulation.

**1-4. Responsibilities.** TRADOC commanders and commandants will ensure that matters covered by this regulation are disseminated as appropriate.

### **Chapter 2**

#### **Command of TRADOC**

##### **2-1. Circumstances of command.**

a. Commanding General (CG), TRADOC remains in command unless circumstances prevent the execution of command duties on a continued basis.

b. CG, TRADOC, is presumed to remain in command even when absent from the command. In this age of rapid transportation, widespread and instantaneous communication, and sophisticated computer technology, distance is less an impediment to the exercise of command than in the past.

**2-2. Devolution of command.** If circumstances prevent CG, TRADOC, from being able to execute command duties on a continued basis, then command should be devolved.

a. Voluntary: CG, TRADOC, may devolve command at any time under circumstances he deems appropriate.

b. Incapacitation by injury, illness, or medical condition: Command will devolve when CG, TRADOC, suffers from an injury, illness, or medical condition that seriously impairs ability to command or requires taking medication that seriously impairs ability to command, including being under influence of general anesthesia.

c. General: Command will devolve when the CG, TRADOC, because of unusual or exceptional circumstances, is not able to receive information and provide orders and direction to the command for a substantial period of time.

### **Chapter 3**

#### **Devolvment of Command**

**3-1. General principle.** The senior regularly assigned officer present for duty normally has responsibility for command. The actual rank held (and not a frocked rank) is used to determine relative seniority.

**3-2. Command of Headquarters (HQ) TRADOC.** Under circumstances set forth in this regulation, or upon direction of the CG, TRADOC, command of TRADOC will devolve to the next senior regularly assigned officer in the command (this senior officer need not be physically located at or assigned to HQ TRADOC).

**3-3. Subordinate command devolvment.**

a. If a TRADOC general officer commander wants to designate as their acting commander an officer other than the next senior regularly assigned officer, they must request the Commander, TRADOC, appoint that officer as the acting commander. The request for appointment should set forth: the normal chain of command devolvment; the name, rank, and position of the junior officer to be appointed; and justification for the appointment.

b. Requests for this type of appointment will be forwarded to Commander, TRADOC, ATTN: ATBO-BPS, 5 North Gate Road, Fort Monroe, VA 23651-1048.


**Glossary**

AR	Army Regulation
CG	commanding general
HQ	headquarters
TRADOC	U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command

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